English method must be specially given. For that purpose the period of the school course should be extended by one more year; and

(6) that, in order that students might be well equipped in theory, it should be ruled that 90 per cent, 80 per cent and 70 per cent of marks should be obtained to secure a pass in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd classes respectively. After thus passing the examination in theory, the students should spend at least two more years in the Central Vaidyasala for practical study.

Dewan's reply.— Noted.

IX. MISCELLANEOUS.—(*Continued*).

107. Reform of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly.

Mr. Ousep Ulahannan (Member, Ettumanur Taluk) urged the necessity of reforming the Popular Assembly on the following lines:—

(1) It should have a statutory basis.

(2) It should meet during the Birth-day week of His Highness the Maha Raja.

(3) The Members should be given larger powers, such as the privilege of moving resolutions &c.

(4) It should have a more representative basis, *i. e.*,

(*a*) each taluk should have two Members.

(*b*) except in the case of communities following a joint family system of inheritance, the tax-limit should be limited to Rs. 25.

(*c*) as the Jenmis were represented at the Assembly, a similar privilege should be allowed to the Kudiyans also.

(*d*) admission to the Assembly should be open to all the Edavagays such as Poonjar, Vanjipuzha, etc. The Chiefs of those Edavagays might themselves be made Members.

(5) Government decisions on subjects of general interest should be guided by the majority of the opinions of the Members and such decisions should be announced at the Assembly, the decisions on other subjects being announced within a fixed period.

(6) The travelling allowances and batta for the Members fixed 12 years ago should be revised.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

108. Needs of the Ettumanur taluk.

Mr. Ousep Ulahannan (Member, Ettumanur Taluk) pressed on the attention of Government the following needs:—

(1) The *chira* and temple tank should be repaired.

(2) A building should be constructed for the English school and it should be raised to the Fourth Form standard. The girls who were pupils in the school had also no other educational institution for prosecuting their higher studies.

(3) The Vempalli *thodu* should be deepened and improved so as to be useful for all agricultural operations. The encroachments should also be removed.

(4) A cartable road should be constructed from Pala to Kaduthuruthi *via* Elakkad *pakuthi*. A portion had been cut by the people.

The Member also presented a memorial on the subject signed by the people of the locality.

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(5) The Government had already sanctioned the construction of a road from the Kottayam-Kumili road to the Ettumanur-Lalam road *via* Kidangur. It should be done soon.

(6) The sugar mill road–about 1½ miles long–cut by the people should be taken over by Government for maintenance.

(7) A road should be cut from Mannanam to Kypuzha and Arppukkara.

(8) The *chira* (with the sluice) set apart for the purpose of cultivation in the *punja* fields of Kypuzha, Manjur, &c., should be placed under the control of the nearest P. W. Officer and maintained by him.

(9) A Dispensary should be opened at Kaduthuruthi.

(10) A Village Panchayat Court should be opened at Ettumanur.

(11) The road constructed by the people as a *Shashtyabdapurthi* memorial from the Karupunthara road to Kattampaku Boys' School should be maintained by Government.

Dewan's reply.—An estimate for Rs. 1,435 has been sanctioned for the repair of the temple tank. The other representations of the Member are noted.

Mr. T. K. Velu Pillai (Member, Trivandrum Taluk) then presented a memorial signed by the Members of the Assembly regarding the expansion of the Legislative Council.

The Assembly adjourned at 5-15 P. M.

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